

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 20-March-2011

Second Sunday of Lent

On the holy mountain Jesus revealed himself in glory to his disciples: He had already prepared them for his approaching death. He wanted to teach them through the Law and the Prophets that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to glory.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Second Sunday of Lent - Lenten Retreat

Lent is an opportunity to accept the lord's invitation to come with him and spend some time with him. Lent is a period when we try to take on fasting, coming to daily Mass or giving attention to private prayer or addressing some other aspect of our lives.

During lent in Ballincollig there is a three day retreat beginning on this Sunday 20th at 7 30 p.m. The retreat will be directed by Fr. Finbarr O'Halloran; Blessed Sacrament Father. This year Fr. Finbarr's talks will focus on the Eucharist (The Mass) a gift to us, a mystery that God shares himself with us through bread and wine. Just a month ago Fr. Finbarr gave a talk to the ministers of the Eucharist in Ballincollig, his presentation made a deep impression on many of us present.

The lord is present to us in the Eucharist to bring us closer to Him and also to one another., Through the Eucharist we are called to be an Eucharistic community, a community called by Christ to serve and help one another; a community that is open to be influenced and transformed by Christ; a community that is nourished by Christ and called to bring Christ's hope and life to others. The opportunity to be present to each other in friendship and worship is a gift of a great God.

Today and every day of our lives we say thanks for the gift of the body of Christ.

May I suggest the following passages from scripture as reading during the week; John 13: 1-16. John 6:1-16; 34 -41. Luke 22: 19 -21; Luke 24: 13 -35;

Meanwhile I encourage you to come to the three evening talks by Fr Finbarr on Sunday 20th, Mon 21st and Tue 22nd at 7:30 pm. Venue is church of Christ Our Light. Spread the word and bring a friend. Early morning Mass Mon, Tue, Wed at 7 00 am.

George O'Mahony

Topic



The Eucharist
(The Mass)

Themes



Transformation
Nourishment
Reconciling

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that we may not grow faint on our journey but that we may have the courage to persevere.

Reader

For all the followers of Christ: that they may listen to his teachings and practice them in their lives.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the Pope and the Bishops: that they may lead the people of God with courage and faith.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For government leaders: that they may be wise and just in exercising their authority.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those whose lives are disfigured by poverty, hunger, and suffering.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For grace to treasure moments of light which give meaning and hope to our lives.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those whose lives were lost in Japan, that their souls may find rest in Your everlasting kingdom and for the survivors that they will find immediate shelter, food, care and solace.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Lord God, may the radiance of your glory light up our hearts, and bring us safely through the shadows of this world until we reach our homeland of everlasting light. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

James William Doherty, The Willows.
 Olivia Jane Harvey, Fernway, Bridewood.
 Jessica Creagh, Waterloo, Blarney.
 Keira Rose Delaney, Carriganarra Estate.
 Grace Mary Delaney, Carriganarra Estate.
 Kate Aisling McElwain, Old Court, Greenfield.s
 Zachary Michael King, An Caislean.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Tadhg O'Sullivan, Highfield Lawn, Model Farm Road.
 Shelia O'Dea, Banduff, Ballyvolane.
 Willie Bowe, Two-Mile-Borris, Co. Tipperary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

Daniel & Kathleen Dorgan, Powdermills.
 Michael McEvoy, Castlepark.
 Ted & Bridie Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Eileen O'Mahony, Model Farm Road.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Wayne Jennings, Bishopstown.
 Jerry & Mary Dempsey, Inniscarra.
 Ena O'Shea, Innishannon.
 Mary O'Mahony, Newcestown.
 Tom McAuliffe, The Square.
 Peter & Ellen Murphy, Windsor.
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.
 Eileen Foley, Cobh.
 Noreen & Eddie da Silva, Beech Park.
 The Kavanagh Family, Ballincollig.
 Bill Dwane, Douglas.
 Sarah & Thomas Keane, Galway.
 Ann Kavanagh, Muskerry Estate.
 Nellie Murray, Ballingearry.
 Neil McGroarty, Beech Park.
 Ellie Sheehan, Greenmount.
 Della Collins, The Crescent.t
 Tadhg & Ellen O'Donovan, Lissarda.
 Kieran McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Barbara Lambe, Derby.
 John & Mary Boyd, Main Street.
 Julia & Lawrence Buckley, Dripsey.
 Patrick McNamara, Inniscarra View.
 William O'Brien, Fairhill & Cathedral Road.
 John Emperor, Rockchapel.
 Jim Garvey, Curraheen.

Early Morning Prayer

(For LENT)

The great Feast of EASTER is coming.
 LENT is the preparation time.
 Come to the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH.
 Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre
 (opposite Christ, Our Light Church)
 Mon. - Fri. at 6 am.
 Everyone Welcome

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Lent

20 Sunday Gen. 12: 1-4. Ps. 32. 2 Tim. 1:8-10. Mt. 17: 1-9. Lect I: 223
 21 Monday Dan. 9:4-10. Ps. 78. Lk. 6:36-38. Lect I: 231
 22 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I:232
 23 Wednesday Jer. 18:18-20. Ps. 30. Mt. 20:17-28. Lect I: 234
 24 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
 25 Friday Is. 7:10-14: 8:10. Ps. 39. Heb. 10:4-10. Lk. 1:26- 38. Lect II:985
 26 Saturday Mic 7:14-15, 18-20. Ps 102. Lk 15:1-3.11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday's Readings 27-March-2011

Ex. 17:3-7. Ps. 94. Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8. In. 4:5-42. Lect I: 245

Ballincollig Parish

Biblical Reflection on The Eucharist

Following the series of talks on the writings of St Paul and on St John's Gospel, our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues this Lent with four talks on the Eucharist. These will examine the Biblical foundations of the Eucharist, and reflect on the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian Life.

The talks, as before, will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion.

The schedule of meetings is as follows.

	Monday 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am
Talk 1	28 th March	30 th March
Talk 2	4 th April	6 th April
Talk 3	11 th April	13 th April
Talk 4	18 th April	20 th April

Autism Awareness

The Fourth Annual World Autism Awareness Day is being held on April 2nd, 2011.

April is Autism Awareness Month.

Irish Autism Action is celebrating this by holding a series of national collection days and running unique fundraising activities throughout the month of April in the 26 counties around Ireland. If you have any of the following days Free April 1st, 8th, 14th and 29th Please join us! Get behind our Patron Keith Duffy and come out and collect for your county to help raise much needed funds for local families affected by Autism. We would love to hear from you regarding how you would like to get involved - contact us directly on 087 - 2496068

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make of him a great nation and all would be blessed because of him.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God saves all people and calls them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The second Sunday of Lent always gives us an account of the transfiguration. Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transfigured and became dazzling white before them. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The voice of God announced that Jesus was his son and that all should listen to him. The disciples were frightened, but Jesus calmed them. When Peter, James and John looked up, Jesus was the only one left . . . the one to whom we need to listen.

Trócaire

On this second Sunday in Lent please remember little Digna, who appears on this year's Trócaire Box. Her family are living in poverty and in fear in northern Honduras. For almost 40 years the change from the Trócaire box has been transforming lives and giving the poor a voice. Please give Digna and her community a voice this Lent.

Living Eucharist Today

A series of four evenings exploring the Mass and our lives today. Blackrock Parish Centre, March 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th, 8.00-9.30 pm.

With Fr. Christy Fitzgerald and Dr. Anne Francis.

All welcome. Cost €20 for the four nights.

Information and bookings

Anne Francis, 087-228-2134,

abfrancis@eircom.net.

Reflection for Parents

Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents, however, we'd like to slow down the changes we see changes in our community, our jobs, government, and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29th May 2011. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 26th March, 2011 at 12.00 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June are now open in both Churches.

Trocaire Boxes

Lenten boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Crying Room - 11.00 am Mass

Please do not use the door to the Crying Room to enter the church to attend Mass. This is to provide for the safety and care of children. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Pastoral Letter

The first anniversary of the publication of the Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland occurs on 19th March, 2011. To mark this anniversary Irish bishops wish to bring the following three important initiatives to the attention of the faithful: the publication of their pastoral response Towards Healing and Renewal; the new Catholic counselling and support service for survivors of abuse; and, the progress of listening and consultation exercises which have been taking place. To mark this first anniversary bishops have published the pastoral response Towards Healing and Renewal. This pastoral is available in both churches this weekend.

Fr. George

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Lake Hotel, Killarney on the 8th – 10th April.

Marriage is a wonderful vocation and one of the most fundamental plans of God for our happiness in this world. But as all married couples know, you have to work on a marriage relationship and give it a principal place of priority. During this short life of ours, many opportunities come our way and too often we are too afraid and too preoccupied to avail of them.

One such opportunity is a Marriage Enrichment Weekend. The weekend is directed by married people and it will do what it says - enrich your marriage. Any enrichment brings greater fulfilment into our lives and into our families.

For details visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 021 4381511, 087 0567794.



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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-26 & Mar-27-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Even Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene

11:00 am
Jack Dorgan

12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Monday	7 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	7 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	7 am, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

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**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**



An Inter-Church *Alpha* course begins in March, run jointly by the Carrigrohane Union of Parishes (Church of Ireland) and Ballincollig Parish (Catholic). This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Wednesday March 23rd, and continues in the Westgate Foundation Building, Ballincollig on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for ten weeks.

*What is the point of life?
What happens when we die?
What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?
How do we deal with guilt?*

If you would like to explore any of these questions, then Alpha is for you. *Alpha* considers some basic aspects of the Christian faith, including - Who is Jesus, Why Did Jesus Die?, How does God guide us? and What about the Church?

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